INCORPORATING THE PARISHES OF PORTESHAM, ABBOTSBURY, LANGTON HERRING AND FLEET

Chairman Ian White

Clerk M Harding



Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on

Monday 30th January 2023, 7.30pm at Langton Herring village hall

Councillors Present:

Abbotsbury Clirs

Kevin Donnelly (KD) (Parish Chair)

Lorraine Dalley (LD)

Mark Hardway (MH)

Fleet Clirs

Ian White (IW) (Chair of the Group Council)

John Coombe (JC)

Langton Herring Cllrs

Cate Killoch (CK)

Portesham Clirs

David Collins (DJC)- (Parish Chair)

Sharon Murdoch (SM)

Sue Weeden (SW)

Martin Bartlett (MB)

In attendance:

Mrs M Harding (Clerk)

Cllr Mark Roberts (MR) Dorset Council

4 members of the public

23/01-1 Welcome, Chairs opening remarks.

IW welcomed all to the meeting noting housekeeping.

- **23/01-2** Apologies for absence we received and accepted from Cllrs Anne Kerins, Marsha White, Ruth Chipp-Marshall who were all unwell at the time of the meeting and Graham Roper who is on annual leave.
- 23/01-3 To receive declarations of personal or pecuniary interests and grants of dispensation-none
- 23/01-4 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5th December 2022 as an accurate record. Proposed SW Seconded KD
- **23/01-5** Matters arising from the minutes for info only-DJC commented on the issue raised at a previous meeting on the state of the footway from Portesham House towards Frys Close, the Clerk will follow up.
- 23/01-6 Speaker on the 20 is plenty campaign- this was deferred as speaker was unable to attend.
- **23/01-7 Democratic Forum** none
- 23/01-8 To agree the wording on email and social media- "civility and respect of local councils"

A statement was agreed to highlight the issue of abusive or bullying behaviour for all social media and email communications-

Chesil Bank Parish Council operates a zero-tolerance approach to abusive and bullying behaviour towards its Staff and Councillors by members of the public, suppliers and other Councillors, a policy is in place to manage such behaviour and can be found on the CBPC website under policies and procedures.

CBPC will take action where necessary if this policy is breached, we thank you for your cooperation.

Proposed DJC Seconded CK

23/01-9 To consider the updated Emergency Plan for Chesil Bank including the Portesham Flood Plan

The plans were circulated, the Emergency plan was agreed with Cllr updates and will be published and this will remain a working document.

The Flood Plan was accepted, the management of the sluice gate was discussed and the need for a new grate, DJC explained he will gather costs for to be considered. The letters to riparian owners had been

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sent out and updates from these letters had been received on ownership of certain sections which will be noted for future use, a site visit was suggested by Cllrs to monitor the management of the watercourse and if any riparian owners do not manage their section Dorset Council will be asked to action. Also, the actions from the flood plan prepared by Dorset Council from 2019 needs updating with any actions not completed by DC, SM to action.

KD commented on the plans by BT to remove analogue phones by 2025, this will need to be monitored given if there was a power cut there would be no lines of communication.

23/01-10 Finance

To approve the finance report of payments and receipts

All payments due were authorised to be paid in line with the necessary internal controls and contracts. The report of payments, receipts and the bank reconciliation were circulated prior to the meeting and placed on the PC website.

Receipts to 30-01-23		
Donation	Towards Vegetation at Abb rec ground	£120.00
Stonewater	Glebe rents	£1189.36
HMRC	Vat refund	£623.58
Bank Interest		£8.01
Allotment	deposit	£25.00
Payments approved Dec-Jan		
Morelock	SID purchase	£3192.00
Buildcraft	Materials for repairs in Portesham	£159.19
Dorset Planning Co	2 payments	£1325.40
Pengillys	Prof fees	£662.40
Symonds & Sampson	Prof fees	£623.70
PVH	Hall Hire	£6.50
Barriers Direct	Grit Bin	£353.58
Fleur Graphics	Printing	£12.00
H Soper	Grass contract/gate repair	£384.00
K Hussey	Play inspections	£117.50
M Jolliffe	Grass contract	£233.33
Wessex Ground Services	Contract	£272.34
N Davies	Bench base	£210.10
Admin/Office expenses	2 months	£2201.13

Bank balances to the end of 31st December 2022 £77,516.56 Proposed SM Seconded SW

ii. To agree costs towards the Langton Herring resilience plan

CK reported on the community resilience plan that LH village is undertaking, a village meeting has been held, to try to identify those who may be in need at times of emergency. The village like many rural villages experiences frequent power loss and so a plan is being drawn up specific to the village. There will be some admin costs, hall hire, leaflets etc. A proposed figure of £100 was suggested, this amount would be made available to all 4 parishes to prepare a community emergency plan if they wished. This will be added to the budget line. Proposed SM Seconded DJC

23/01-11 Planning consultations

i. To receive any planning consultations-

i. P/OUT/2022/06092Proposal: Erection of replacement sports pavilion Location: Recreation Ground Elworth- no comments, further reports on flood risk have been supplied.

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- **ii.** P/PABA/2022/07430 Proposal: Erect agricultural storage building Location: West Shilvinghampton Farm, Grove lane- *info only at this stage- no comment*
- iii. P/PABA2/2022/07851 Proposal: Erect agricultural storage building Location: West Shilvinghampton Farm Grove Lane, Portesham- as above-no comments but it seems that the barn has already been built.
- iv. P/OUT/2022/07242 Proposal: Application for Outline Planning Permission (all matters reserved, except access) for the erection of a detached dwelling, agricultural storage barn and 3 X shepherd's huts (to be used as tourist accommodation). Location: Land at Winters Lane- site meeting held, objections raised on material considerations- access onto a narrow lane, issues of ground water runoff, visibility from a right of way, size and scale of whole site.
- v. P/HOU/2022/07388 Proposal: Raise existing chimney from 0.9 meters to above the required 1.8 meters. Location 28 West Street- *no objections*
- vi. P/LBC/2022/07389 Proposal: Raise existing chimney from 0.9 meters to above the required 1.8 meters. Location 28 West Street- no objections
- vii. P/TRC/2023/00365Proposal:T1 Copper Plum Coppice down to top of wall (cut size 20-30cm) T2 Apple Fell, T3 Walnut Fell Location:1A Church Lane- *no objections*.

ii. To receive an update on planning /enforcement or ongoing issues-

- a. Goalans- Fleet Wood- tree enforcement issues- JC reported to the meeting the history of the site and the issues as many trees have been removed and the area is now a devastation. The site was originally used for orphans from the war and in 1967 the site was licensed for 2 holiday caravans. Later in the 1970's the new owner claimed the whole site for caravans and a license was agreed. Further planning permission was granted for a house and TPO's were placed on trees on the site. There have been a lot of issues with the site planning conditions over the years which the PC and village have fought. The current owner has now removed a vast area of trees in readiness for the residential caravans. Enforcement officers and tree officers have been on site and action is being considered. Further updates to follow.
- b. Futtocks end- following substantial works and a report to planning enforcement a site meeting was carried out and all works are in line with the application, Cllrs will be more vigilant when considering applications of this nature in the future.
- c. Nothing further on the one storey building at Trafalgar Farm at this stage.
- d. The planning enforcement issue at Fleetway Cottage Langton Herring has been investigated and a retrospective application is being prepared for the additional outbuilding.

iii. To receive the report from the NPSG.

There has been confirmation from Dorset Council that the Regulation 16 Consultation has now begun. The Consultation will run until the 3rd March 2023. During the time that the Consultation is progressing the NPSG will work with Dorset Council to appoint an independent examiner. Until the Consultation is completed then there is nothing further to report, but a full report on the feedback from all the representations will be made at the next Parish Council Meeting.

23/01-12 Highways- reports

i. To receive any highways issues -

Potholes have been reported in Fleet and on the road near the mast in Portesham. There had been an accident at Elworth junction on the 26th January, thankfully no one was hurt and local residents assisted the young woman until help arrived, police did attend the scene.

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- **ii. To discuss the 20mph speed limit criteria for the parishes** Had the speaker been able to attend then this item would be discussed further, Cllrs were remined about the DAPTC/ Working together webinar with Dorset Council on 7th February to discuss the options. There will be a recording of the event which Cllrs can view.
- iii. To consider the purchase of grit bins for Coryates, Friar Wadden and Langton Herring
 The PC agreed to purchase 2 grit bins for Coryates and Friar Wadden, MB to take delivery, 1 for
 Rodden and another for Langton Herring, this will be a large bin to replace the one at the Pound
 and this one re sited further down the road. Proposed SM Seconded KD

23/01-13 Countryside & Rights of Way reports

i. To receive any Rights of way issues- CK noted the new gates on the Parish Boundaries on the rights of way being installed, they are elaborate designs, this scheme has been produced by the coastal warden.

23/01-14 Recreation and Council Property-

- i. To receive the report from the recreation group and update on actions
 - a. Abbotsbury Recreation Ground-the old goal post has been removed, picnic bench repaired, and the horse sign repaired, the wall at the recreation ground is yet to be repaired The Estate have this in hand.
 - b. Allotments- The new section has been marked out and one plot rented out, there are now 3 vacant half plots at the site. (It was noted that all 3 plots have been filled at the meeting)
- c. Langton Herring Amenity area-the bench at Langton Herring has now been secured on a base, the first registration is ongoing.
- d. Fleet Gates- we are still waiting for Openreach to move the telegraph pole away from the Fleet Gates, before any repair or maintenance works can be considered to the gates. The first registration is ongoing.
- e. Cemetery- The discussions over a potential extension are still ongoing.
- f. Portesham Play area- the lease is still ongoing, this is due to changes in staff members and delays with their solicitor, the steps on the mound have been repaired and sand placed in the cracks of the surface, the opinion of the contractor is that the surface will need to be replaced at some point in the future, but until a lease is secured only minor repairs will be made.
- g. Portesham Playing field- there is more work to come on the area of the stream hedge before the closed period for the nesting season. The moss has spread over the tennis court surface the group will look further into this within the plans for the area. The planning for the Pavilion is ongoing, further reports required regarding flood issues and should be determined by the end of March.
- h. Portesham Churchyard- the ivy has been removed from the rectory wall and the contractor will commence work on the Churchyard vegetation in February, the Diocese have been in contact regarding the tree and the vegetation on the rectory side of the area, further works to be carried out, diocese to action.
- i. The Defib reports have been carried out at Portesham and Langton Herring.
- j. Walking footpath from Portesham -A new more direct route is being considered, this would be on the inside of the road hedge from Goose hill to West Elworth, discussions are ongoing with the landowner. All costs and responsibility would be borne by the Parish Council if the path was agreed, this would be part of the wider project for the Portesham Playing field.
- k. Trailway project update- This is ongoing and with the potential Solar Farm in the background getting support may well have to wait for the outcome of this project. Although the PC have been informed that only the Battery project is being progressed at present.

23/01-15 Parish Reports

i. Abbotsbury- Parish meeting rearranged for 13th March 2023

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- **ii. Fleet-** The Open reach pole has yet to be moved. The signs for the laybys have yet to the installed.
- **iii. Langton Herring-**CK reported that following the issue of blocked drains they are due to be jetted and a hump to the Manor House installed to divert the rain and ground water. The village used up all the grit very quickly and more is to be ordered, the route does not currently meet the criteria for gritting but given this route is for a school bus CK asked if this could be considered with highways.

iv. Portesham

DJC reported that the blocked drain by Ducks is to be jetted, the lights on the Cherry tree on the village green are to be removed. There has been a complaint about the chip shop van in the location by the green and the advertising signage has been placed on DC land now. There has also been a complaint about the trees planted on the area of green by Goose hill cottages owned by Dorset Council, as there was no licence to plant, DC to contact the scheme organisers to remove trees and apply for a licence.

23/01-16 To consider all correspondence received for decision, consultation, and information-

The use of Portesham VH for meetings will be considered at the March meeting following feedback from the VH committee. Cllrs were keen to resume meetings at the VH again.

The PC had received a request to consider a short pilgrimage for secondary pupils on the Playing field in July 2023. Cllrs agreed pending the following queries, how many children will attend, insurance and risk assessments are in place. This will be followed up with the organizer.

23/01-17 To confirm the items for the Parish Council meeting 6th March at Abbotsbury.

Coronation celebrations, Using Portesham VH for meetings again and 20mph options.

23/01-18 Democratic Forum 15 minutes on any other items-

Cllr Mark Roberts reported on the land charges timescales reducing from 62 days to 10 days. Car parking charges have been reviewed and all car parks will have a minimum of 3 hours. The Dorset Council budget is being considered, there is to be a 4% increase, this includes a 2% increase in social care. There have been savings made by creating the unitary Council of 76M. 11.3M has been received from Defra for Farms and protecting landscapes. 2.7M is to be spent on public electric charging points, every car park machine is to be replaced to accept cash, card and phone payments. The collection rate for Council tax is now 95% and there is to be a proposal for double council tax for holiday and second homes. Dorset Council have received a 19M regeneration grant for Weymouth, North Quay and Harbour walls.

A resident commented on the Coastal path as there is a barbed wire fence laying down on the route, this should be reported to the ranger to repair. JC and IW will look at the erosion on the lagoon.

Residents from Portesham asked for an update on the extension to the Cemetery, it was noted that a meeting had been held with the Estate to consider an extension but the PC has not had a response to date. The PC had suggested several options taking into account the issues raised by the residents of Cemetery Road.

Meeting closed at 21:12